

Truce in Ireland Is Declared, to Take Effect Monday; De Valera Consents to Take Part in Peace Council

Two Children Kidnaped by Pair in Boat

Strange Couple Vanish
After Taking Boy and
Girl of Mrs. Woodland,
of Cape May, to Beach

Clew in Likeness To Ex-Husband

Ransom Theory Is Held,
as Devoted Uncle of
Missing Babies Is Rich

Special Correspondence of The Tribune
CAPE MAY, N. J., July 8.—Mrs.
Robert E. Woodland's two children,
Jack who is three years old and Mar-
garet, two, disappeared yesterday and
the police have sent out a general
alarm for a couple boarding near their
home who left town at about the same
time. They are suspected of having
kidnaped the children in the interest
of Mrs. Woodland's husband, from who
she is separated.

Another theory is that the children
may be held for ransom, as their great-
uncle, John Wilbraham, a wealthy re-
tired manufacturer, is extremely fond
of them and is said to have settled
\$20,000 apiece on them recently.

The strangers who are under sus-
picion came to town about a month
ago and took rooms at Sunnyside Villa
on Hughes Street, about a block from
Mrs. Woodland's home. They said they
were Mr. and Mrs. Henry James, of
Richmond, Va. They struck up an ac-
quaintance with Mrs. Woodland and
were assiduous in attentions to her.

Jersey Sniper Ends Life and Siege of Shop

Wife Flees When Husband
Approaches With Pistol,
and He Barricades Place,
Then Shoots at Police

Battle On 45 Minutes
Firemen Flood Stronghold;
Defender, Holding Law at
Bay, Kills Self by Bullet

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., July 8.—John
Gruchacz shot and killed himself this
afternoon in his wife's dry goods store
at 458 Broad Street, in which he had
been besieged for forty-five minutes
by policemen and firemen. Before
sending the bullet into his head that
killed him Gruchacz had fired a dozen
shots at the uniformed men posted
about the building, all of which went
wild.

He and his wife had been separated
since May 31, when she had him ar-
rested for threatening to shoot her.
He was sentenced to sixty days in jail,
but she obtained his release and his
promise that he would never bother
her again.

He kept his word until to-day. He
was drunk when he left his boarding
place, telling his landlord, who sought
to dissuade him from taking a revolver
with him, that he was "going to
shoot somebody to-day."

When Mrs. Gruchacz saw her hus-
band reeling toward the little shop
in the rear of which she lives, she ran
out the back door with her eight-
months-old daughter and sought shel-
ter with a neighbor. The neighbor,
Mrs. Martha Wyman, called the police.

Sergeant Huddy and Patrolman Col-
lins, the latter a son of the Chief of
Police, were sent to the store. Gruchacz
had locked all the doors, piled
furniture against them and had
drawn the shades in the windows. At
the sound of Collins' stick rapping at
the door panels, Gruchacz did not
pause to parley but sent a bullet
through the door.

Hunt for Stolen Torrens Baby Brings No Clews

Mother Insists Husband
Abducted Infant Girl in Re-
venge; Father Accuses Him

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., July 8.—A
wide-spread search up to a late hour to-
night had found no trace of nine-
month-old Margaret Eloise Torrens,
who was kidnaped by four men from the
summer home of her grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, of this
place, Thursday morning.

Mrs. Margaret Torrens, the mother
of the missing infant, continued to in-
sist yesterday that her husband, Al-
fred Torrens, from whom she has been
separated since last January, was one
of the quartet who entered the Simp-
son home and stole the child.

Chief of Police Miller, of Pompton
Lakes, had fifteen men scouring the
country over a radius of twenty miles
from the scene of the crime. He
visited Torrens' mother at Green Pond
yesterday and spent that night search-
ing for her.

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Locker-Inspecting Rum Raider Knocked Out by Giant Catcher

Backstop Smith Curbs Detective Dolan's Curiosity
at Polo Grounds and Thoroughly Satisfies
His Desire for a Fight

Detective James Dolan, attached to
the 125th Street police station, who
tried to search private lockers of the
New York Giants at the Polo Grounds
for alcoholic liquors, was knocked out
yesterday by Earl Smith, catcher of the
club, in a fast one-round encounter,
after inviting Smith to "fight it out."
Dolan had already searched several
private lockers of players, who, on his
demand, had surrendered their keys un-
der protest. When several of the
men objected to having a search made
without a warrant, Dolan is said to
have become abusive.

The detective appeared at the Polo
Grounds shortly after 11 o'clock, just
as the players had come in from morn-
ing practice. He explained that he
had been detailed to make a search for
liquor and demanded that all locker
keys be turned over to him.

"Nothing like that goes so far as
I'm concerned," said Smith. "If you
want to search my locker you'll have to
produce a search warrant. Then I'll
look it over."

"You're one of these fresh guys I
hear about," remarked Dolan. "You'll
turn over the keys and do it now. I'm
going to make this search if I have to
fight it out."

"If it's fighting you're after, we'll be-
gin right now," grinned Dolan, wrig-
gling out of his sweater. Dolan made
for the door, tossing his hat one way
and his coat another. As Smith
emerged from the clubhouse Dolan
rushed at him swinging both fists. The
big catcher stopped him with a straight
left. The detective dropped to his
knees, but was up again instantly. He
rushed into a clinch and Smith sent
him reeling ten feet with a wicked
right.

Surrounding the combatants were
fifty spectators whose delighted shouts
could be heard for several blocks.
Trainers, rubber players and mascots
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Score Stricken By Heat, 1 Dead; Relief To-day

Sleeping Man Rolls Over
Roof Edge to Death and
Frenzied Woman Is Saved
From Suicide at Battery

One death, an attempt at suicide by
a woman temporarily crazed by the
stifling humidity and nearly a score of
prostrations was the toll of the second
day of the heat wave which is visiting
New York City.

The thermometer of the weather bu-
reau registered 80 degrees early yes-
terday, and the mercury rose steadily
until it reached 84 degrees at noon. All
indications then were that the 90 mark
would be passed before sundown. Slight
relief came shortly after 1 o'clock,
however, and kept the official tempera-
ture high mark down to 89. Many
higher marks were reported in differ-
ent parts of the city, however. A ther-
mometer in Nassau Street registered
96 at 6 o'clock last night, and had
dropped less than 10 degrees at 11
o'clock.

Roof Sleeper Falls to Death
The feat resulted in the death of
Edward Sinnott, thirty-seven years old,
a printer, who was driven by the hu-
midity to seek relief on the roof of his
home at 119 Ninth Avenue. He made
a pallet near the edge of the roof and
after falling asleep rolled over the
edge and dropped to the courtyard be-
low. Dr. Ogden, of New York Hospi-
tal, who was summoned by neighbors,
pronounced Sinnott dead.

Mrs. Lizzie Carroll, forty-three years
old, of 151 Madison Street, Brooklyn,
was rescued from drowning off Battery
Park in the morning by Lieutenant
Thomas Foley and Fireman Charles
Burkett, of the fireboat New Yorker.
According to the police she became
temporarily crazed by the heat and,
running to the sea wall, jumped into
the water. She was taken to the Broad
Street Hospital and treated for sub-
mersion.

In a statement given out last night
by James Scurr of the Weather Bureau,
a thunder storm is the only hope for
New York.

"The present humidity and haziness
will continue," said Mr. Scurr, "until
broken by rain. There is, however,
hope in this quarter for the city, as
a thunderstorm is expected before to-
morrow night."

"Michigan and some of the south
Atlantic states have had rain, and
thunderstorms are noted as far east
as Buffalo last night. The intense
temperature, combined with the high
humidity, easily made yesterday and
today the worst days we've had in
some time."

All City Piers Opened
Mayor Hylan yesterday ordered that
all the city piers be kept open, guarded
by the police all night throughout the
hot weather, beginning at once. In
a letter to Otto E. Shulof, chairman of
the Mayor's Committee of Recreation
and Playgrounds, the Mayor asked him
to cooperate with Park Commissioner
Gallatin and Dock Commissioner Hul-
bert, who have been requested to see
that the piers are kept open.

EL PASO, Tex., July 8.—Engineer
William Bohman, of Sanderson, Tex.,
was murdered and thrown from his
train near Alpine, Tex., to-day, accord-
ing to advices received at the local
office of the Galveston, Harrisburg &
San Antonio Railway, part of the
Southern Pacific system.

After four miles of uncontrolled
speeding the boiler of the engine of
the freight train blew up, seriously in-
juring the fireman, Charles Robertson,
of Valentine, Tex. The train was
wrecked ten miles west of Alpine.
Bohman's body was found four miles
back of where the explosion occurred,
advices from Alpine stated.
Bohman was attacked while his fire-

Ocean Trade Duel Begun By Stinnes

German Cresus, Enraged
at Hamburg-American
Line, Forces Fight to
Obtain Marine Control

Rate War Expected
On Atlantic Route

British Group Is Backing
Drive to Get Lead in
Dealings With Russia

German shipping interests, in seek-
ing to regain the world trade lost by
Germany in 1914, have split into two
bitter factions which threaten to pre-
cipitate a rate war on the international
trade routes.

On one side is the Hamburg-Ameri-
can Line, with a view of upbuilding the
American and German merchant ma-
rine on a reciprocal basis. On the
other Hugo Stinnes, who was ousted
recently from the directorate of the
Hamburg-American Line and who is
described as the "one-man octopus of
Germany" because of his vast holdings
in coal and iron mines, is credited with
having launched a program which will
call for 77 ships, aggregating almost
1,000,000 gross tons, to be operated by
German and British capital in opposi-
tion to American ships.

Rate War Is Predicted
The Marine Journal, in making these
disclosures in its issue published to-
day, declares that a gigantic trade
duel has been launched to determine
whether the marine situation is to be
controlled on this side of the Atlantic
or on the other. It is asserted that a
rate war appears inevitable.

There is also said to be an arrange-
ment between Stinnes and a British in-
dustrial group to exploit and obtain
supremacy in the trade with Russia.
Stinnes' plan is to build a fleet of
behind Stinnes' attempt to outdo the
Hamburg-American interests. Fore-
seeing his tendencies, the line several
months ago took steps to oust him as
director. The voting power con-
ferred on him by his holdings in the
line's stock was minimized by a special
issue of preferred stock which was
kept out of his reach. It did not take
him long to gather his forces in Europe
with a view to retaliating.

"From a shipping standpoint," says
the Marine Journal, "the most inter-
esting aspect of the situation is that
the two great rivals are both backed
by the resources of the German com-
panies affiliated with them, as well.
And if these reserves are called upon
there will be a battle of the seas be-
ginning with the previous commercial
conflicts on the ocean will dwindle in-
to insignificance."

Stinnes a Powerful Foe
"Stinnes must be regarded as a for-
midable competitor in anything he en-
deavors to do. He controls coal mines and
iron deposits which make the manu-
facture of ships and machinery, the
shipyards and engineering works
necessary for the production of ves-
sels and the shipping organization, all
which to operate them. And through
his other industrial enterprises he is
in a position to furnish cargoes for
the ships. So that, from the produc-
tion of the raw material to the delivery
of the finished product to the foreign
buyer, every detail of the business is
under his control. And he even pos-
sesses a chain of newspapers with
which, if necessary, public opinion
might be molded in Germany."

Confirmation of the threatened rate
war is cited by The Journal from the
Hamburg Abendblatt of May 21.
"Stinnes is better prepared for a rate
war than the Hamburg-American Line,"
says the German authority. "It is said
that Stinnes has a fleet of 77 ships
consists of about thirty-seven ships
of from 6,000 to 22,000 tons. If this
figure is correct it is certain that Stinnes
will have a considerable influence on the freight
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People Kneel in Dublin Streets To Await First News of Truce

Harried Populace Eager for End of Raids and
Reprisals; Cheers for Sinn Fein Leaders
Repeated as Macready Appears

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LONDON, July 8.—Crowds knelt in
Dublin's streets to-day about the Man-
sion House, telling their heads as the
hour struck for the opening of the
conference there. On the eve of the
peace of centuries, the rank and file of
the Irish people stood quietly awaiting
hopefully for word that the strife was
to end. A great cheer rose as Eamon
de Valera and Arthur Griffith, the two
outstanding republicans, drew up in a
taxicab. They were followed in a
moment by Earl Midleton, spokesman
for the southern Unionists, and an-
other cheer came from a thousand
throats.

It was a commonplace, volatile Irish
crowd, as enthusiastic in the roles of
saccharine as British troops here found
them when armed with guns, giving
no quarter and asking none. Many
united of the republican army that
had hidden their identity for months
were seen in the street crowds to-
day. British troops and the black and
red, on the other hand, were conspicu-
ously absent.

For two hours the multitude waited
patiently until the delegates emerged
from the peace parley for a recess. As
they went through the streets again
they were greeted with cheers. Dublin
was looking forward to armistice days
when there would be no warfare, no
ambushing, no more reprisals.

Within the council chamber in the
Mansion House the conferees bent over
a table, seeking the basis of a peace
that would satisfy all Ireland. Earl
Midleton gave an account of his ne-
gotiations in London, where he saw
Lloyd George and the King, and var-
ious Sinn Fein leaders piled him with
questions. As the first meeting broke
up the leaders separated into groups
that talked over the plan that would
be followed in talking peace with the
London government. De Valera hur-
ried away to see a few of his advisers
who were unable to attend the confer-
ence.

When the conference was resumed a
courier from British military general
headquarters, attired in the uniform
of a captain, arrived at the Mansion
house and was admitted to the council
chamber. He departed after three
quarters of an hour, and was followed
presently by General Sir Nevill Mac-
ready, commander of the crown forces
in Ireland. Although by that time the
run was sinking low in the western
skies, the streets about the Mansion
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U. S. Warships Ordered Back From Tampico

Action Is Taken After State
Department Decides That
Situation No Longer Re-
quires Their Presence

Conditions Less Menacing
Official Belief That All Ques-
tions Will Be Handled
Properly by Obregon

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, July 8.—Orders with-
drawing the American cruiser Cleve-
land and the gunboat Sacramento from
Tampico waters were issued late to-day
by the Navy Department, on advices
from the State Department that the
presence of the vessels in Mexican
waters no longer was required. The
Cleveland was ordered to New Orleans
and the Sacramento is to return to
Galveston.

It was explained at both the State
and Navy departments that reports re-
ceived from American sources in Tam-
pico indicated that the unemployment
situation there had cleared and that
no danger to American lives or prop-
erty was expected. It was denied that
the withdrawal of American war ves-
sels was due to any protest from the
Mexican government.

Officials declared the dispatch of the
American vessels into Tampico waters
was merely a precautionary measure,
and that the absence of any widespread
disturbances in that port removed the
necessity for any protective action by
the navy.

Oil Crisis Minimized
Responsible officials reiterated to-day
their belief that conditions in Tampico
would be handled adequately by the
Mexican authorities, and asserted that
the oil situation there was not as
grave as first thought. Information
reaching here is to the effect that
American oil men are continuing the
drilling of oil wells, but that exports
have ceased. The American operators
are storing their product, awaiting a
definite decision by the Mexican gov-
ernment on the question of the export
tax. No formal action has been taken
by the State Department on the protest
of the American oil producers against
the proposed Mexican levy.

Secretary Hughes, replying to a pro-
test from Samuel Gompers, president
of the American Federation of Labor,
against the reported use of warships
at Tampico to fight labor unions, said
the presence of the "craft in Mexican
waters had nothing whatever to do
with labor unions."

"It is simply a precautionary measure
for the purpose of assuring adequate
protection of our citizens."
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Caruso, "Obliged for Free Ads," Says He'll Sing at Proper Time

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
BUFFALO, July 8.—Bruno Zirato,
private secretary of Enrico Caruso, to-
day made public a cablegram from the
famous tenor, in which Caruso says
that he was never asked to sing aboard
the liner Presidente Wilson, and flatly
contradicts the report that he has lost
his voice. "When I want to show I
have not lost my voice I will do so at
the proper time and place," the cable-
gram concludes.

Mr. Zirato, who is in Buffalo to-day,
having returned from his honeymoon
with his bride, who was Nina Morgana,
the opera singer, said that he made
public the cablegram to counteract
stories recently published to the ef-
fect that Caruso's voice had failed and
he would be unable to sing again.

These stories, which originated in
New York, are said to have come from
Captain Charles Anthony Fulton, of
the United States Army Intelligence
Service, who arrived a few days ago
from Naples on the Presidente Wilson.
Captain Fulton said Caruso believed
that he would never be able to sing
again with his old ability, and that he
was on the verge of tears when he
made this announcement.

The cablegram received by Zirato
followed.

"Officials of the Presidente Wilson
never asked me to sing, and if they had
I should have refused, as it is not my
habit to amuse people under the excuse
of a patriotic occasion. Anyway, I am
obliged for the free advertisement, and
when I will do so at the proper time
and place."

The reference to the request to sing
aboard ship concerned a report that a
photograph had to be used while
Caruso remained in his suite. Caruso
has seldom sung at concerts aboard
ship. Instead, he gives a check to the
Seamen's Widows and Orphans' Fund,
as he did on the recent voyage.

Crown Army To Suspend Operations

Promise Given by Lloyd
George on Condition
That Sinn Fein Leader
Joined in Conference

King Calls Craig
In Consultation

Settlement Was Forecast
When Gen. Macready
Met Unionist Chiefs

LONDON, July 8 (By The Asso-
ciated Press).—A truce in Ireland,
to take effect at noon next Monday,
was declared early to-day after
Eamon de Valera, president of "the
Irish Republic," had accepted Pre-
mier Lloyd George's invitation to an
Irish peace conference in London.

Preparations are already under
way in Sinn Fein ranks as well as
British government circles to end
hostilities.

Premier Lloyd George, in a letter
to Earl Midleton, Southern Union-
ist, who was conferring with De
Valera and other factional leaders
at the Mansion House in Dublin, said
the government realized the neces-
sity of halting bloodshed if peace
negotiations were to succeed. He
added that as soon as De Valera
accepted the invitation to a peace
conference the British crown forces
in Ireland would be ordered to sus-
pend operations.

De Valera Accepts Overture
De Valera, in a letter to the Pre-
mier, sent after the conference to-
day in Dublin, accepted the invita-
tion to the conference, saying that to
end the centuries of conflict was the
genuine desire of the people of Ire-
land. Announcement of a truce was
made to-night at 10 Downing Street,
the Premier's official residence.

De Valera's letter to the Premier fol-
lows:

"Sir: The desire you express on the
part of the British government to end
the centuries of conflict between the
people of these two islands and to es-
tablish relations of neighborly har-
mony is the genuine desire of the peo-
ple of Ireland.

I have consulted with my colleagues
and secured the views of repre-
sentatives of the minority of our na-
tion in regard to the invitation you
have sent me. In reply, I desire to say
I am ready to meet and discuss with
you on what basis such a conference
as that proposed can reasonably hope
to achieve the object desired.

"I am, sir,
Yours faithfully,
"EAMON DE VALERA."

In his letter to Earl Midleton
Lloyd George said:

"The government fully realizes it
would be impossible to conduct ne-
gotiations with any hope of achieve-
ing satisfactory results if there is blood-
shed and violence in Ireland. It would
disturb the atmosphere and make the
atmosphere of peace difficult.

"As soon as we saw Mr. De Valera
is prepared to enter into conference
with the British government and to give
instructions to those under his control
of the intensity of violence we
should give instructions to the troops
and police to suspend active operations
against those who are engaged in this
unfortunate conflict."

King Confers With Craig
The day began hopefully with the
King summoning Sir James Craig, the
Irish Premier, to a conference at
Buckingham Palace. This, following
upon the King's conference yesterday
with General Jan Christian Smuts, the
South African Premier, is an indica-
tion of the intense interest the King
is taking in the Irish problem, al-
though under the traditions of the
British constitution the King has no
real voice in the direction of govern-
ment affairs, that does not prevent his
exercising great influence in the policy
of the country.

General Smuts is going to Chequers
Court to pass the week end, together
with the other premiers of the over-
seas dominions, with Mr. Lloyd George.
General Smuts evidently is the influ-
ence in the negotiations, perhaps some-
thing more than mere influence, for,
lacking of active hand, it is hardly con-
ceivable that events could have pro-
gressed so quickly as they did to-day,
and the fact that the Prime Minister
has not stood upon the dignity of his
office, but in Dublin, in the presence
of the Irish Minister declared that
a general conference, is considered full
of hopefulness.

The principal events of this im-
portant day, however, occurred not in
London, but in Dublin, in the confer-
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Macready's Presence Significant
General Macready's appearance and
long stay at the conference clearly had
to do with Lloyd George's letter to
Earl Midleton, one of the conferees, in
which the Prime Minister declared that
it would be impossible to conduct ne-
gotiations with any hope of achieving
satisfactory results if violence in Ire-
land continued; and also that the Brit-
ish government would give instructions
to the troops and police to suspend

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